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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 24118 ACTION GEORGETOWN 31 JANUARY 76.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GY, CU, PO, AO

SUBJECT: CUBAN AIRLIFT THROUGH THE AZORES

REF: GEORGETOWN 0165

1. THE PORTUGUESE INFORMED THE CUBAN CHARGE' ON JAN 13 THAT CUBAN AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN ANGOLAN AIRLIFT WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRANSIT THE AZORES. LAST CUBAN FLIGHT TO STOP IN AZORES WAS ON JAN 14. THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ITS POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

2. FROM LATE DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY, CUBANS USED LONG-RANGE IL-62 AIRCRAFT FROM THE U.S.S.R. FOR AIRLIFT-ING MEN/MATERIEL TO ANGOLA. (THESE FLIGHTS DID NOT
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REQUIRE ENROUTE REFUELING.) THE SOVIETS HAVE NOW

RECALLED IL-62S.

3. CUBANS HAVE ALSO USED CAPE VERDE ISLANDS FOR REFUELING
STOP FOR THEIR BRITANNICAS. WHETHER THEY WILL CONTINUE
TO USE THIS ROUTE, ONCE GEORGETOWN POL DEPOT BECOMES
OPERATIONAL, IS NOT CLEAR. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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